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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wang et al.
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Title: Organic Luminescent Compounds and Methods of
Making and Using Same
Examiner: YAMNITZKY, Marie Rose
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2006. Applicants hereby provisionally elect for prosecution in this application Group I (claims 1-7, 10 and 19-22), directed to compounds of the invention. Applicants' species selection with respect to the compound of general formula (1) is compound 1-methyl-2-(9-anthryl)imidazo[4,5-f]-[1,10]phenanthroline ("MePhenImAn") (3). That is, applicants elect a species wherein each of X¹, X², X³, and X⁴ is nitrogen. The Examiner has indicated that she will examine Groups I, III, and IV together, subject to an election of species with respect to the compound of formula I and an election of species with respect to the product/device of Group IV. Accordingly, with respect to the latter, applicants elect an electroluminescent device.

This group election is made with traverse, as applicants believe that it is arbitrary and inappropriate to divide the compound claims of the invention (group I) from, at least, the method of synthesizing the same compounds (group II), and compositions (group III) or devices (group IV)

containing the same compounds. If a claimed compound is found to be novel, then methods of synthesis of the claimed compound and products or compositions of matter containing the claimed compound would necessarily also be novel. Applicants submit that rejoining groups I, II, III, and IV presents no further search burden on the Examiner. Applicants hereby request rejoinder of groups I, II, III, and IV.

If the Examiner has any questions about the instant Response or the application, she is asked to telephone Carol Miernicki Steeg (Reg. No. 39,539) or Stephen Scribner (Reg. No. 44,452) at 613-533-2342.

Any petition that may be required is hereby petitioned. Please charge any fees that may be required, for which no cheque is enclosed, to Deposit Account No. 17-0110.

Respectfully submitted,



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